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outlays by lifting the limits on certain benefits increases, and raises the revenue target by \$3 billion by closing certain tax loopholes (agreed to by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 171 noes);

(2) An amendment to the previous amendment that raises the revenue target by \$3 billion by closing certain tax loopholes (agreed to by a recorded vote of 277 ayes to 128 noes); and

(3) An amendment to the reported resolution that provided for a 9.8 percent reduction of the deficit and reduced outlays by 2 percent (agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 180 noes). This amendment was subsequently lost when amendment No. 1 above was substituted for the reported resolution.

Rejected:

A substitute amendment to amendment No. 1 that sought to reduce the deficit by \$54.1 billion (rejected by a recorded vote of 159 ayes to 248 noes);

An amendment to the previous amendment that sought to balance outlays and revenues for fiscal year 1976 at \$299.5 billion and to limit budget authority to \$300 billion (rejected by a recorded vote of 94 ayes to 311 noes); and

An amendment to amendment No. 1 that sought to reduce the national defense budget by \$1.1 billion.

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Late Report: Conferees received permission to file a conference report by midnight Friday, May 2, on H.R. 25, Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1975.

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Legislative Program: Majority whip announced the program for the week beginning Monday, May 5. Agreed to adjourn from Thursday to Monday.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of May 7.

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Receive and Sign: The Speaker was authorized to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions, and the Clerk was authorized to receive messages from the Senate notwithstanding the adjournment of the House until Monday, May 5.

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Presidential Communication—Vietnam Evacuation Operation: Read a letter from the President wherein he reports on the use of U.S. Armed Forces in the emergency final evacuation of American citizens from South Vietnam—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 94-124).

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Government Travel Expenses: Objection was heard to a request that the House agree to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to S. 172, to revise certain provisions of title 5, United States Code, relating to per diem and mileage expenses of Government employees.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3612-H3613.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3539, H3550-H3551, H3568-H3569, H3571-H3573, H3590-H3591. There were no quorum calls.

Program for Monday: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5 p.m. until noon on Monday, May 5, when the House will consider the following 5 bills under suspension of the rules:

1. H.R. 5405, Passengers on Cargo Vessels;
2. H.R. 5272, Noise Control Act Authorization;
3. H.R. 1244, Presidential Protection Assistance Act;
4. H.R. 5153, Bikini Atoll Payments; and
5. S. 326, Trust Territories Civil Government Authorization.

NOTE.—Votes on suspensions will be postponed until the conclusion of consideration.

Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Family Farms and Rural Development met for a discussion of future agenda.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies continued hearings on ERDA.

PUBLIC WORKS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Public Works continued hearings with Members of Congress and public witnesses.

TREASURY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury-Postal Service-General Government held a hearing on Commission on Productivity.

LABOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor-HEW held a hearing with testimony from Secretary of Labor Dunlop.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session for a hearing on Strategic Arms Limitation—Vladivostok Agreement, and received testimony from Dr. James Wade, Director, DOD SALT Task Force.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the Federal Railroad Administration.

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S. 582, to fix the salaries of referees in bankruptcy, receiving testimony from Robert B. Morton, and Conrad K. Cyr, representing the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Joseph Patchan, Cleveland, and Joe Lee, Lexington, Ky., both bankruptcy judges; and Daniel R. Cowans, San Francisco, Calif.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

CLEAN AIR ACT

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Environmental Pollution continued hearings to review the implications of, and to discuss authorizing funds for Clean Air Act programs, receiving testimony on national standards and Federal pre-emption from Jacob Dummelle, Illinois Pollution Control Board, Springfield; John Bartlit, New Mexico Citizens for Clean Air, Los Alamos; David Hawkins, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, D.C.; Fred Rucker, Na-

tional Steel Corp., Weirton, W. Va.; and George Rives, Pacific Power & Light Co., Portland.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Special Committee on Aging: Committee resumed hearings on "Future Directions in Social Security," receiving testimony from James B. Cardwell, Commissioner, who was accompanied by several associates, all of the Social Security Administration, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Clyde M. Webber and Daniel J. Kearney, who were accompanied by several associates, all representing the American Federation of Government Employees; Walter H. Cross, Massachusetts Association for Older Americans, Inc., Boston; Lena Edgar, Somerville, Mass.; and Andy Rosenblatt, Miami Herald.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 73 public bills, H.R. 6573-6645; 4 private bills, H.R. 6646-6649; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 424-427, H. Con. Res. 262 and 263, and H. Res. 436-439 were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 5727, to establish an independent and regionalized U.S. Parole Commission, and to provide fair and equitable parole procedures, amended (H. Rept. 94-184);

H.R. 12, to provide for the protection of foreign diplomatic missions and to increase the size of the Executive Protective Service, amended (H. Rept. 94-185);

H.R. 4241, to designate the John C. Kluczynski Federal Building (H. Rept. 94-186);

H.R. 5158, to provide an authorization for an ex gratia payment to the people of Bikini Atoll, in the Marshall Islands of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, amended (H. Rept. 94-187); and

S. 326, providing for the continuance of civil government for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, amended (H. Rept. 94-188).

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Journal: By a ye-a-and-nay vote of 356 yeas to 10 nays, the House approved the Journal of the proceedings of April 30.

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Presidential Communication—Vietnam Humanitarian Assistance: Read a letter from the President wherein he requests the House to act quickly to approve the conference report on H.R. 6096, Vietnam Humanitarian Assistance and Evacuation Act of 1975.

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Vietnam Humanitarian Assistance and Evacuation Act: By a ye-a-and-nay vote of 162 yeas to 246 nays, the House failed to agree to the conference report on H.R. 6096, Vietnam Humanitarian Assistance and Evacuation Act of 1975.

Two points of order against the conference report were overruled.

Subsequently, H. Res. 425, the rule providing for the consideration of the conference report, was laid on the table.

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Bill Re-referred: The Committee on Public Works and Transportation was discharged from the further consideration of H.R. 6411, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to engage in feasibility investigations of certain potential water resources developments; and the bill was then re-referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

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Presidential Message—Trade Agreements Program: Received and read a message from the President wherein he transmits the 19th annual report on the Trade Agreements Program—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 94-123).

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First Concurrent Resolution on the Budget: By a ye-a-and-nay vote of 200 yeas to 196 nays, the House agreed to H. Con. Res. 218, setting forth, on an aggregate basis only, the congressional budget for the U.S. Government for the fiscal year 1976.

Agreed to:

(1) An amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, that reduces the deficit by \$3 billion, increases